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From: Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]
Sent: 8/28/2020 3:40:18 PM
To: Leathers, James [Leathers.James@epa.gov]; Taheri, Diane [Taheri.Diane@epa.gov]
CC: Thompson, Steve [thompson.steve@epa.gov]; Seager, Cheryl [Seager.Cheryl@epa.gov]; Garcia, David [Garcia.David@epa.gov]; Gilrein, Stephen [gilrein.stephen@epa.gov]; Blanco, Arturo [Blanco.Arturo@epa.gov]; Stucky, Marie [Stucky.Marie@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Chloroprene Monitors in Reserve, LA

This looks good to me.

From: Leathers, James <Leathers.James@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 10:26 AM
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Thank you for the edits Corry.

Revised Draft response below:

Hello Vickie,

Thank you for your interest concerning the monitoring in Laplace, LA. To clarify, the letter from Regional Administrator Ken McQueen only speaks to EPA's monitoring networks and plans. The plan to remove the community air monitoring network at the end of September 2020 is in reference to EPA community air monitoring network. The results of EPA's community air monitoring network are publicly available and can be found at the following site: <https://www.epa.gov/la/denka-air-monitoring-data-summary> EPA also has continuous air monitoring in place, at locations near EPA's community air monitoring network, and plans to continue to monitor through the end of December 2020. Information from this continuous air monitoring system will be made available, just as the previous, community air monitoring information has been made available.

The Letter from Denka Performance Elastomer (DPE) to Dr. Chuck Carr Brown, Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), is in reference to the Monitoring Network managed by DPE. The results of the DPE monitoring network are publicly available in LDEQ's Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) and can be found using the following site: <https://www.deq.louisiana.gov/page/edms> I hope this clarifies your questions, please let me know if you have any additional questions about these two letters.

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Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 9:52 AM

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Check for accuracy, but please add:

EPA also has continuous air monitoring in place and will continue to monitor through the end of December 2020. Information from this continuous air monitoring system will be made available, just as the previous, air monitoring information has been made available.

From: Leathers, James <Leathers.James@epa.gov>

Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 9:47 AM

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Hello Diane and Corry,

The clarification needed seems to be very straightforward regarding Vickie's email. Below is my draft response. Please let me know if you have a preference to have XA respond or if I should provide the response.

Hello Vickie,

Thank you for your interest concerning the monitoring in Laplace, LA. To clarify, the letter from Regional Administrator Ken McQueen only speaks to EPA's monitoring networks and plans. The plan to remove the community air monitoring network at the end of September 2020 is in reference to EPA community air monitoring network. The results of EPA's community air monitoring network are publicly available and can be found at the following site: <https://www.epa.gov/la/denka-air-monitoring-data-summary> The Letter from Denka Performance Elastomer (DPE) to Dr. Chuck Carr Brown, Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), is in reference to the Monitoring Network managed by DPE. The results of the DPE monitoring network are publicly available in LDEQ's Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) and can be found using the following site: <https://www.deq.louisiana.gov/page/edms> I hope this clarifies your questions, please let me know if you have any additional questions about these two letters.

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James,

I received today a message from Vickie Boothe wanting clarification on an update I had sent to our EJ contacts, and my update included the letter from DPE to LDEQ (attached). I don't know if you are the POC for the clarification that Vickie Boothe needs, but I am relaying to you since she had emailed you already (her email below).

Please let me know if I can assist further.

Thank you,

Arturo

From: Vickie Boothe <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)>
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 4:15 PM
To: Blanco, Arturo <Blanco.Arturo@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Chloroprene Monitors in Reserve, LA

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From: Vickie Boothe <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)>
Date: Thu, Aug 27,
Subject: Chloroprene Monitors in Reserve, LA
To: <leathers.james@epa.gov>

Hi James,

I am trying to get some clarifying information related to the attached August 18 letter from Regional Administrator McQueen to the LDEQ.

As background, I worked as an environmental engineer in the Criteria Air Pollutant and Air Toxics Programs in R9 and OAQPS from 1986 until I transferred to the CDC in 2000. Last January (after 33 total years of federal service) I retired from CDC and relocated to New Orleans in order to work with some of the Cancer Alley frontline communities including the Concerned Citizens of St. John Parish.

Over the last week, we received some seemingly conflicting statements with respect to the stated plan to remove the 6 chloroprene monitors around the Dupont/Denka facility. After receiving copies of RA McQueen's letter announcing plans to remove the monitors at the end of September, we got an email from Arturo Blanco with the subject line "Air monitoring update - good news" stating, "DPE will voluntarily continue operation of its community monitoring stations through 2021."

It is unclear whether this email refers to the 6 monitors installed and managed by R6 or to the chloroprene monitors DPE installed as a condition of the 2017 Consent Order with LDEQ. Can you help to clarify this?

fyi, I tried to locate some of former R6 Air and Radiation Division colleagues including Tom Diggs, but it appears most of them, like me, have retired.

I hope you and your family and friends are safe in the aftermath of Hurricane Laura!

Take Care,
Vickie Boothe